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TITLE: "TISSUE PRESERVING AND MINIMALLY INVASIVE HIP  
REPLACEMENT SURGICAL PROCEDURE"

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT B**

Applicant responds as follows to the final office action mailed January 9, 2006. This amendment is being filed contemporaneously with a Request for Continued Examination.

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